

EMSAAC BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 25, 2000
San Diego Yacht Club

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** (Inch) Meeting was called to order, self-introductions were done. Additions to the agenda—Resignation and Recognition of Abbie Yant; National Leadership Conference in Washington DC; Committee Membership and Appointments; Urban ED signage issue; AB 256 Ambulance/Lab Issue; Letter from DHS re Objectives for 2000; NHTSA project “Helping Hand”; CLEARs Contract; Introduction of Richard McSherry; CHEAC Report.
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** M/S/C Osur/Inch to approve minutes.
- III. **Treasurer/Membership Report:** (Drew) Treasurer’s report attached. Invoices for dues were distributed and are due. Baucom/Hastings/C to accept reports.

Dave Busse, Nor Cal Fire Chiefs, EMS Section and Ron Mayfield, Cal. Chiefs, EMS Section have requested associate memberships--Karsteadt/Pletz/C to approve membership. Vol Ranger, EMS Administrator in Santa Cruz requests membership—Baucom/Karsteadt/C to approve. Michael Petrie, San Francisco requests membership—Karsteadt/Hastings/C to approve.

Old Business

IV. Committee Reports

Legislative Committee—(Pletz) AB 256 (clinical lab director issue), 2 yr bill--not scheduled, watching; AB 421 (hospital closure issue)--watching, may move; AB 1043 (poison control funding)--changed to something else; AB 1444-(2 counties, funding)—requesting we approve a watch position--Pletz/Karstead/C. AB 1714- (requirement for medical coverage if >500 attend)--new, no sponsor, request we take a support if amended position and work with the author to draft additional language--Baucom/Karsteadt/C with caution re work load ramifications, enforcement issues. SB 276 (health in California)—request a watch position--Pletz/Inch/C. System Impact Evaluation and ED signage issue--directive distributed in August (enclosed). Cal ACEP has a proposed initiative re use of tobacco funds, Cal healthcare Assn. not in support--very early, document enclosed.

DHS is requesting that EMSAAC identify the top 5 issues we would like DHS to address this year. Brainstorming yielded the following: Ambulance diversion/hospital closure issues; uniform data linkage and standards; call panels/ED regulations; specialty centers/care designation/PICU; and Disaster standards/HEICS

Disaster Committee--(Buchanan) Disaster grant project is working on LEMSA responsibilities with goal of defining, describing, possibly developing statutes and/or advisory committee at the state level. Matrix attached, input requested. Discussion

followed. Baucom/Osur/C to pursue collective efforts to address ambulance movement, other disaster issues on a statewide basis.

Education Committee--(Becker) Handout attached. Baucom—concern re knowledge of basic skill by field interns. Committee is considering lack of 9-1-1 experience (vs interfacility work) and availability of experience to new personnel.

Trauma Task Force--(Hastings/Inch) Committee is working on developing short and long range plans for achieving a state-wide system and exploring sources for funding. Short-terms goals include development of standardized databases, common definitions and reports, etc. Prevention and injury control efforts are weak; systems are strong on field education and triage efforts. Karsteadt endorsed document and reinforced the need to proceed along these lines. Hastings indicated that no similar state model exists. Sinz suggested starting with registry and data issues. Williams questioned the openness of committee meetings. Inch stated that committee's intention is to get work done and maintain momentum. Drew/Karsteadt/C to have Inch discuss openness of the process with the committee chair, with the issue being accessibility of information to all who are interested.

V. Vision Committee Reports

Finance--(Pletz) The committee is processing conceptual issues, including funding for provision of services, identification of revenue sources, the EMS "bank", translatability of current practices to other pieces. They will be doing an RFI for a firm to work with the committee to develop relative value units for prehospital services. Frenn is the representative from EMSAAC to this committee.

Governance--(Harris) Subgroups are working. Handout (included) that has gone to general committee related to 201/224. Discussion is preliminary, requesting input. Mayfield hoping for consistent approach throughout the state. Buchanan identified the need to consult with legal advice due to multiple codes involved and potential for legal conflicts. LeVenton asked if all defined LEMSA roles would become LEMSA commission roles and questioned funding. Frenn suggests looking at the JPA model (enclosed). Williams urged review of multiple models for shared governance. Harris asked about the concept of the commission as an appeal agency for LEMSA actions. Inch will no longer be a member of committees, but will attend many and speak to outside groups about what is happening overall. Hastings asked that members review the overall suggested composition and provide input. Karsteadt/Hamilton/C recommending addition to membership of law enforcement and 2 consumer representatives, change of managed care provider to payor.

Education/Personnel--(Becker) Committee has 3 subgroups, is prioritizing objectives and outlining other groups they will need to work with.

System Review and Data--(Karsteadt) Action Plan with timelines is available, 3 subgroups are working. Groups are led by Stroup, Sinz, and Schneider. The committee is coordinating with MVA and EMSA projects, working on data issues and indicators.

Sinz, through the EMSA project, is comparing data points, matching definitions, and looking at linkages. Sinz is now working for EMSA and needs to be replaced as CSAC representative. Ogar expressed concern about being able to demonstrate progress.

Access--(Jones) This committee is revisiting their prioritizing of objectives and work plans.

Prevention--(Osor) Prevention has 3 groups now and has prioritized objectives. EMSAAC representative (Yant) needs to be replaced. Osor/Hastings/C LaPolla recommended as EMSAAC replacement.

- VI. **Bylaws Committee:** (Drew) Will send by-laws revisions to members with a ballot ASAP. Input received was as follows: a suggestion that all members vote on all issues. This is not practical. A question on quorum was clarified. Inch asked that an Ethics Committee be added. Drew/Osor/C to add an Ethics Committee.
- VII. **EMSAAC Conference 2000 Update:** (Osor) Conference will be June 7-9 in Palm Springs. Baucom/Karsteadt/C to sign a contract with Emergency Medical Symposium and issue a check for \$10,000.
- VIII. **Millenium Projection Model Report:** (Petrie) Much changed between the projection in August and the end of the year. The expectation was 1.5 million people, actual attendance was 200-250 thousand. Activities were actually less than a normal Friday night or an average NY eve. Although costly, preparations have been deemed wise, final report to follow in 60 days and will be available to all.
- IX. **LEMSA Directory--(Buchanan)** This project is complete and will be posted on the EMSA website.

New Business

- X. **EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee**—Continued to next agenda.
- XI. **EMSA Report**—(Watson) EMSA is committed to the completion of the Vision Implementation Project. Miranda Swanson, Vision Project Manager, was introduced. Vision Implementation Project Committee Handbook is available to guide committee activities. An interactive EMS and Vision calendar will be added to the EMSA website.

EMS Directors will meet in October, EMSC on November 7-8. \$6 million has been budgeted to go to DMAT teams and will be administered through UC Davis. The Medical Advisory Group will be added to the Director and Operations Advisory Groups, making three groups advisory to the Director of EMSA. The Scope of Practice group has recommended termination of use of the Pertrach device as an optional skill in California. Dr. Tharratt will advise EMSA staff on medical matters. The budget for Poison Control is insufficient to continue the program, status is not settled as of yet. The governor has appointed 70% of exempt state positions. On NY eve, EMSA staffed 6 locations, all closed early. The issue of openness of the Trauma Committee meetings was clarified.

Richard McSherry was introduced as the new Chief Investigator. A CLEARS training is scheduled for fall, requires 60 persons. A contract is required to do the program, attendance must be assured. Osur/Pletz/C to execute the contract.

- XII. **EMSC Program--(Osur)** Results of the strategic planning effort will be out soon along with time frames and an action plan. November 9-10 will be the EMSC program, abstracts will be requested, California will be a PEP testing site.
- XIII. **Watson Advisory Committee and Operations Task Force:** No meetings have been held. A joint committee meeting (including the Medical Direction Task Force) is scheduled.
- XIV. **Organization Representative Reports**
ENA—(Ogar) Discussed CalACEP proposal, requested input. Conference announced, legislative plans discussed. Prevention programs are available through ENCARE.
Cal Fire Chiefs--(Busse) Planning for next year, many goals in common with EMSAAC. Inch thanked them for their liaison role with this committee.
EMDAC--(Brown) Scope of practice committee approved transcutaneous pacing for San Mateo; advanced EMT-I scope for Imperial--report at next meeting. A long discussion was held about standardizing scope of practice throughout state, recommendation was to recommend a smaller basic package and have more oversight over optional skills. Bay Area regional protocol project expects to have some regional protocols by March and will be recommending indicators for Vision Data Committee. EMSAAC needs a liaison to EMDAC, Inch will work with them to manage details.
- XV. **National Leadership Conference** (Inch) Report enclosed. Issues are of interest to all. Collaborative document will be out soon.
- XVI. **Resignation of Abbie Yant:** (Pletz) This event occurred over the holidays, suggest dinner following next EMSAAC meeting in SF (June 27). Baucom/Hastings/C to celebrate with Abby in June. Drew/Karsteadt to allocate \$100 for an appropriate gift.
- XVII. **NHTSA Helping Hand Project with Mexico:** (Inch) NHTSA is requesting EMSAAC support of its project with Mexico. The goal of the project is to improve EMS in Mexico. Baucom/Karsteadt/C to support the project.
- XVIII. **Committee Membership and Appointments:** (Inch) Replace Yant on state DHS Prevention 2000 committee--Steve Andreise suggested. Replacing Yant on the EMSAAC board, according to current by-laws, requires a vote of members. It was suggested that the nominating committee for the general election should propose a slate for this office. Nominating Committee for next election (and the special election) is as follows--Baucom to chair, Osur, Karsteadt, McPhearson, Petrie.
- (Hamilton) The EMT-I Regulation Committee needs to include an EMSAAC representative—John Pritting will be that representative.

(Sinz) With her move to state employment, the CSAC representative to the Data Vision Committee needs to be replaced. Pletz to recommend new member.

- XIX. EMS Commission Agenda:** (Baucom) The agenda is light, action items are Trauma Planning Guidelines and the election of officers. Regarding the population exemption guideline process, Baucom will advise two additional bullets regarding CQI and participant competence and the documentation of hospital administrative support for financial commitments. Baucom will also request the formation of a separate task force to handle the subject of interfacility transfers.

Dr. Steve Tharratt, Medical Director of Sacramento County and contracted with EMSA to provide medical advice was introduced.

- XX. Other Issues:** (Drew) There are 3 editors for the newsletter and only one article. Please send information to Drew. Publishing a list of EMS agency websites was suggested. The Kern County conference will be May 19. Should there be a large Vision Committee “wrap-up” meeting? Discussion will occur.

(Coxon) RELS vs Sonoma County--Supreme Court gave decision to Sonoma County. For more information, contact Coxon.

- XXI. Next Meeting:** March 21, 2000 in Sacramento

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